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POPULAR STORER FILMS AGAIN

A return engagement that will thrill our audience! John H. Storer, photographer-naturalist of Waltham, Mass., brings his own excitement with him in the form of superlative color films of American wild-life. Those who saw his gorgeous "Wings, Fins and Antlers," last year will eagerly anticipate "Wings West From Florida," which will be the FREE presentation offered by the St. Louis Bird Club to nature lovers on the evening of Monday, November 30th, at eight o'clock. The lecture will be given in the St. Louis University Auditorium, 3642 Lindell Blvd. You are urged to bring friends to see these amazing, all-color motion pictures, including some of the most incomparable bird close-up scenes ever filmed! You will see intimate shots of rare and beautiful North American birds, such as the Roseate Spoonbill, huge, White Pelicans training their young in the communal nursery, Snowy Egrets in a thrilling mid air fight, and majestic scenes of Western beauty. Altogether an unforgettable record!



JOHN H. STORER

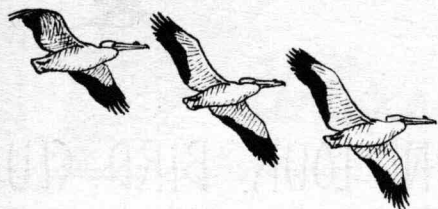
A MAGNIFICENT GIFT

"It's an all-wind that blows nobody good." Little did we know how true that old adage is at the time we were wrestling with an unexpected and embarrassing screen problem at the Harwell lecture. Mr. Harwell took the difficulty in stride, like the veteran lecturer he is, and the audience too was patient, but the whole matter was certainly anything but pleasant. However, a few days after the lecture, the Club received by mail an anonymous gift from one of its members to cover the cost of purchasing the finest screen available for Club lecture use. This is the most generous gift the Club has ever received and the joy it brings in our case makes us certain that another old adage should be reshuffled to read, "It's an even greater joy to receive than to give!"

WATCH FOR VIRGINIA EIFERT!

An attraction labeled "for members and their guests only", will bring Virginia Eifert, author of "Birds in Your Backyard", to the St. Louis University School of Commerce and Finance Auditorium, 3674 Lindell, at 8 p.m. on Monday, January 4th. Those who attended our Art and Photography Exhibit last Spring will remember the original drawings from this book. Mrs. Eifert's lecture will be illustrated by these same drawings, so a real treat is assured. Mrs. Eifert represents the Illinois State Museum. The annual business meeting and election of officers of the Club will precede the lecture.

The Club's fiscal year runs from Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st, but the budget must be figured on a September to September basis. Although your dues for 1943 need not be paid until Jan. 1st, you'd help us greatly in meeting fall Club expenses by sending your \$5.00 Sustaining or \$1.00 Active dues now to Mrs. H. R. Grummann, 7330 Dorset, University City.



ALWAYS WELCOME . . . C. GRANT

Our very good friend, Cleve Grant, who lectured before the Club in 1941 and last January, will appear this season on the Washington University Association program. Don't miss Mr. Grant's lecture on "American Birds and Big Game" to be presented at the Soldan High School, 8:15 P.M., December 15th and 16th.

AUDUBON REGIONAL MEETING

The Missouri Audubon Society's regional meeting, beginning with the Friday evening Harwell lecture and ending with the dedication of the fire-tower at Rockwoods on Sunday, Oct. 25th, was a decided success. There were field trips to Rankin, Lake Park, and Horse-shoe and a wonderful Saturday evening barbecue at the home of Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Klinkerfuss attended by a whole "gang" of birders. Highlights of the evening: The barbecue; Mr. Harwell's whistling and imitations; and colored nature slides by Dr. Klinkerfuss and Mr. George Moore of Meramec State Park.

FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

You may obtain the following items for your convenience and enjoyment by purchasing them at the lectures or writing to Helen Einspanier or Ethel Wolfe, 1607 Continental Building:

1. Club stationery, Great Blue Heron by Dick Grossenheider; for your personal use priced at one cent per sheet and one cent per envelope.
 2. Club Poster Stamps and Album, 6 drawings by Dick Grossenheider, 25c; auto-graphed album and set of 6 stamps, \$1.00; 24 stamps, 25c; 48 stamps, 50c; 78 stamps, 75c; 102 stamps, \$1.00. We suggest you use these stamps on your letters to encourage nature interest. Inexpensive and attractive Christmas remembrance too!
 3. Sterling P. Jones' "Migratory and Permanent Resident Birds in the St. Louis Region," a guide to species found in this region, 10c.
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Invite a friend to attend the Storer lecture by mailing him the card enclosed with this Bulletin.

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BRILLIANT SEASON CONTINUED!

You've often heard that expression "to charm the birds off the trees". That's the kind of charm C. A. Harwell brought into the St. Louis University Auditorium on the night of October 23rd . . . just in time to help us keep our promise to bring nature to you since you can't go to nature. The exquisite MacDowell rendition by whistler Harwell brought a rapt silence to the big throng of 1100 people who packed the auditorium to see and hear "Music of the Out-of-doors", and from that point on it was indeed a feast of nature in its most fascinating aspects. Fitting indeed, on this evening of charm, that our speaker should be presented by such a gracious personality as Mrs. Edward J. Walsh.

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That 1100 attendance record set at the Harwell lecture will add materially to the breaking of our last season's total lecture attendance, which was 3,710.

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The National Audubon Society has presented the Club two handsome Blue Jay and Cardinal prints by Roger Tory Peterson. These prints are being displayed at our lectures and similar ones may be purchased through the Club Secretary for \$7.50 per print. Nice Christmas gift suggestion.

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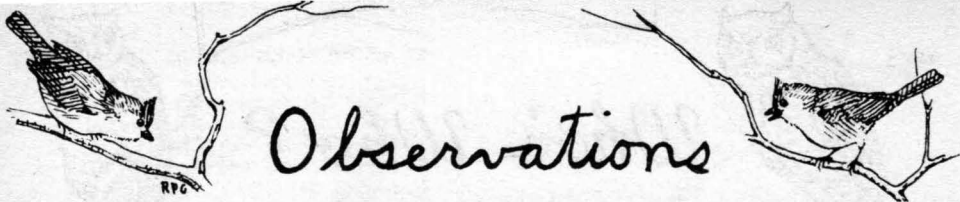
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Observations

Biggest week-end of the season: Nov. 8th and 9th at Lake Park and Horseshoe Lake, Ill. Nov. 8th; observers, Vollmar, M. Freer, Einspanier, Wolfe, Patton, Short, Bedell, Ettinger, Lehmann, O'Moran; observations, 2 Horned Grebes, 2 White Pelicans, 20 Blue Geese, 2 Lesser Snow Geese, 200 Canada Geese, 1 Common Loon, 1 Buffle-head, 4 American Mergansers, and many other miscellaneous! Nov. 9th; observers, Bolinger, Einspanier; observations, the same Horned Grebes and Pelicans, 240 Blue Geese, 22 Lesser Snow Geese, 5000 Canada Geese, 8 Common Loons, 4 Buffle-heads, 20 American Mergansers, 1 Hooded Merganser; 1 Black-bellied Plover, and miscellaneous! Also Nov. 9th in St. Charles County; observers, Heckler, Loth, Wolfe, Gilcher; 45 Blue Geese, 15 Lesser Snow Geese, 4 Common Loons. Word of these observations spread quickly and others, yet to report, shared the Sunday seeing.

Ethel Wolfe, Sydney Heckler, Edwin Gilcher, and Helen Henke report an Arkansas Kingbird in St. Louis County, Sept. 27th.

The Club's Spring Census, May 11th, produced the largest list of observations for a Census in the Club's history, 171 species for the day. Approximately one hundred observers, covering an area 50 miles any direction from St. Louis, took part, including assistants from the Webster Groves Nature Study Society, Grafton Nature League, The Principia College, Rockwoods Reservation, and Pere Marquette State Park. The day's highest individual lists: Wayne Short, 113; Alberta Bolinger, 109; Jack Van Benthuyssen, 108. The day's best birds: White-rumped Sandpiper, Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Virginia Rail, Long-eared Owl, and Red-breasted Merganser.

We've finally found room for a resume of the Club's Forest Park April Bird Walks. The four Sunday Walks were highly successful as these statistics will show: Total attendance, 500; largest attendance for a single Walk, 200; most species observed on a single walk, 75; total species observed, 98, largest total list ever. And here are the birds observed during those four April Walks right in the heart of the city: Pied-billed Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, American Egret, Green Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, Common Mallard, Blue-winged Teal, Wood Duck, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Sparrow Hawk, Bobwhite, Sora, Coot, Kildeer, Wilson's Snipe, Upland Plover, Solitary Sandpiper, Lesser Yellow-legs, Pectoral Sandpiper, Herring Gull, Mourning Dove, Barn Owl, Chimney Swift, Belted Kingfisher, Northern Flicker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Red-headed Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Hairy Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Eastern Kingbird, Crested Flycatcher, Eastern Phoebe, Least Flycatcher, Wood Pewee, Prairie Horned Lark, Bank Swallow, Purple Martin, Blue Jay, Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, House Wren, Bewick's Wren, Carolina Wren, Mockingbird, Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Eastern Robin, Wood Thrush, Olive-backed Thrush, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Willow Thrush, Bluebird, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Cedar Waxwing, Starling, White-eyed Vireo, Blue-headed Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Worm-eating Warbler, Tennessee Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Cape May Warbler, Myrtle Warbler, Western Palm Warbler, Northern Yellow-throat, American Redstart, English Sparrow, Eastern Meadowlark, Red-winged Blackbird, Orchard Oriole, Baltimore Oriole, Brewer's Blackbird, Bronzed Grackle, Cowbird, Cardinal, Purple Finch, Eastern Goldfinch, Red-eyed Towhee, Savannah Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Slate-colored Junco, Chipping Sparrow, Field Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Song Sparrow.

Wayne Short observed a Red-backed Sandpiper at Lake Park, Ill. on Oct. 9th and another on Oct. 15th; also 5 Long-billed Dowitchers in St. Charles Co., Oct. 16th.

Marais Croche in St. Charles County was the setting for a Duck Hawk, Oct. 11th, observed by Alberta Bolinger, Sydney Heckler, and Edwin Gilcher.

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Who's Who?



The Board of Directors of the Club has conferred upon Dr. Robert J. Terry Honorary Membership in the organization for his long service and for his founding the Bird Club 26 years ago in 1916. Dr. Terry is the Club's sixth Honorary Member. The others are: Miss L. R. Ernst, Edw. K. Love, Sterling P. Jones, Dr. Louis H. Behrens, and Edw. Steedman.

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In town for the Harwell lecture: Mrs. S. J. Erouwer, one of our Milwaukee Sustaining Members, Dr. Pearl Thompson to her host of St. Louis friends. Also, Dick Grossenheider, here for a furlough from Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Dick has done some beautiful drawings while away, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Black-crowned Night Heron, and many others, including a large and handsome water-color of Army carrier pigeons.

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Dick Grossenheider brought back from Texas the fourth of his original Bulletin drawings to complete the Bulletin's art work. Three Pelican bills' full of thanks, Dick!

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Lt. O. A. Wilson has been transferred to the Air Transport Command at Washington, D. C., Private James Earl Comfort to Camp Butner, North Carolina, and Sgt. Lloyd Freer to Chicago. Our good member, Marian Pough Freer, follows Lloyd to Chicago soon.

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Excerpts from recent correspondence: John H. Baker, "I am perfectly delighted to hear of the success of the Harwell lecture and I want to congratulate you most heartily on your ability in producing a crowd of 1100 to hear it". Olin Sewall Pettingill, "Congratulations on a very fine program. I marvel at your creating such a program so well ahead of time." Mrs. J. H. Comby, President Los Angeles Audubon Society, "Your bird lists are certainly impressive and the interest shown by your people is heartening to anyone promoting an interest in nature." T. Gilbert Pearson, "You certainly get splendid cooperation from your local press." Cleve Grant, "We think that you have a grand lecture schedule." Frederick C. Lincoln, "It is obvious that you are going to have some excellent programs." W. J. Breckenridge, "You seem to have a very attractive schedule." Rosalie Edge, "Yours is as fine a list of lectures as any I have seen and I congratulate you." Douglas C. Orbison, "The spread in the Post-Dispatch was beautifully done".

New members in October: Sustaining, Charles M. Rice; Active, Everett Bennie, Anna Bentfeld, Ella Burton, Mrs. D. F. Coleman, Louise F. Conzelman, Mrs. Jack Deeble, Klaus Dehlinger, Alice Donnelly, Edna Dunhaupt, Grace Finch, Robert S. Fletcher, Mrs. Charles Folk, Dr. E. B. Frail, Alice Glatfelter, Edith Glatfelter, C. W. Godefroy, Anna Golden, Daphne E. Greve, Eugenia Haagen, Louise M. Hack, Minnie Hack, Eugenia Henke, Rose Henke, Mrs. A. M. Hosch, Mrs. Maude Isenmann, Nellie M. Kelly, Mrs. Albert C. Lishen, Laura S. Malone, Mrs. Clark McAdams, Blanche McGregor, Helen McHale, Mrs. Herman Meyer, Mrs. R. F. Miller, Rose Mullech, Ken Niewoehner, Minnie Oelkers, Sophia O'Moran, L. M. Phelan, Helen C. Plunkett, Caroline Singleton, Antoinette Sommer, Marie J. Sprick, Mrs. Meade Summers, Mrs. I. G. Tremain, Robert C. Wehner, Caroline Westphaelinger, William P. Whitney, Lucile R. Williams. Welcome!

Our total membership now is 449! Six Honorary Members, 2 Patrons, 17 Life, 28 Sustaining and 396 Active Members. The Club has grown so rapidly there are members in every part of St. Louis. Let's get better acquainted. The Club Secretary, Mrs. H. R. Grummann, will gladly send you the name, address, and telephone number of a member, or members, in your neighborhood, if you'll send her a self-addressed, stamped envelope or post card. Please do not phone for this information.

Warm thanks to the many organizations which helped distribute the Club's 1942-43 Lecture Card. Thanks particularly to Miss Prien of the Girl Scouts; Mr. Puffer of the Boy Scouts; Mr. Moore of the Missouri Audubon Society; Mr. Teeters of the Board of Education; and various members of the Council of Natural Resources.

Competition for "Birder of the Year" is keen. James Earl Comfort, before his Army induction, set a healthy figure for others to shoot at, 209 species for 1942. Wayne Short, with 212, is the only observer so far who's passed it and is followed by L. R. Ernst, 201; Alberta Bolinger, 200; Harry Comfort, 197; Jimmy Jackson, 197; Jim Comfort, 194; Jack Van Benthuyzen, 194; Helen Einspanier, 194; Mrs. Arnold Zempel, 189; Mrs. Robert Hill, 186; Iva Leonard, 182; Mrs. Jos. E. Vollmar, 181; Mrs. Harry Comfort, 180; Ethel Wolfe, 177; Mrs. H. R. Grummann, 161; Albert Berkowitz, 160; Mrs. Lloyd Freer, 154; Mrs. Gertrude Drury, 150. Let's hear about other lists.

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